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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Allied Corporation - SCP - Newark and Carlstadt, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Feldstein:

This letter is in response to the information requests contained in Mr. Librizzi's letters dated February 12, 1985 addressed to Allied Chemical Corporation (now known as Allied Corporation) Elizabeth, New Jersey and to Allied Corporation, Morristown, New Jersey.

In order to enable it to respond to the information requests, Allied has conducted an information and document search to determine whether Allied facilities have had transactions with Scientific Chemical Processing ("SCP").

The results of Allied's document and information search indicate that two current Allied facilities, Elizabeth, New Jersey and Petersburg, Virginia, and one former Allied facility located in Haledon, New Jersey apparently had transactions that may have resulted in the taking of materials to SCP.

The transactions between Allied's Elizabeth, New Jersey facility and SCP primarily involved a material known as Halar® water. These materials were all transported to SCP in bulk by SCP. SCP employees testified at the trial (i.e., U.S. v. Scientific Chemical Processing, Inc., et al. (D.N.J. Criminal No. 82-200)) against SCP and its principals that Halar® water

was always taken to SCP's Newark facility and disposed of into the Passaic Valley sewer system (apparently without the permission of the sewer authority and without the knowledge of Allied). NJDEP manifests indicate that Halar® water was taken to SCP's Carlstadt facility. Allied has no information that would lead it to believe that any Halar® water is present at the SCP-Newark site.

Allied's Elizabeth, New Jersey facility also apparently had four (4) transactions (2/17/76, 4/13/76, 9/23/77 and 9/26/77) with SCP involving the removal of spent alpha pinene from the Elizabeth facility by SCP. Available records indicate that these transactions resulted in the transportation of alpha pinene to SCP's Carlstadt facility. Spent alpha pinene is a burnable material having a BTU value approximately that of fuel oil. This material is believed to have been used in SCP's fuels program and to have ultimately been transported to the Solite Corporation ("Solite") in Saugerties, New York.

A former SCP owner/operator, Mr. Herbert Case, has informed Allied that alpha pinene was taken to Carlstadt and subsequently shipped to Solite because alpha pinene "was an excellent material for SCP's fuels program."

Answers for Allied's Elizabeth, New Jersey facility to the questions contained in Mr. Librizzi's information request are contained in Attachment A to this letter.

Allied's former facility in Haledon, New Jersey apparently had transactions with the SCP Carlstadt facility. These transactions involved a contract between Allied and SCP whereby SCP-Carlstadt processed a Haledon waste stream that contained about 25% phosphoric acid, about 25% methanol and about 50% water. Available documents and information indicate that methanol removed by SCP was sold to Allied's Haledon facility and that recovered phosphoric acid was sold to fertilizer operations. The information further indicates that the only waste generated during the processing of the phosphoric acid/methanol stream was water which was disposed of into a municipal sewer at Carlstadt.

Answers for Allied's former Haledon facility to the questions contained in Mr. Librizzi's information request are contained in Attachment B to this letter.

Available documents indicate that Allied's facility in Petersburg, Virginia had one transaction that resulted in the transportation of 54 drums of liquid waste materials to the SCP-Newark facility. Allied lacks sufficient information

at this time to enable it to determine whether the materials were actually delivered to SCP-Newark and, if so, whether the materials are still present at the SCP-Newark facility.

Answers for Allied's Petersburg, Virginia facility to the questions contained in Mr. Librizzi's information request are contained in Attachment C to this letter.

In summary and based upon the available evidence, it appears that the only Allied materials that may be present at the SCP-Newark facility include 54 drums of materials from Allied's Petersburg, Virginia facility.

This response is made without prejudice to the legal rights Allied has in this matter and in no way shall be construed as an admission of liability with respect to any adverse environmental conditions that may exist at the SCP-Newark or Carlstadt facilities.

Should you have any questions concerning this response, please call me at (201) 455-3455 or, if I am unavailable, Mr. W. F. Potter at (201) 455-3856.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth E. Stroup, Jr. Attorney

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